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SOS Program Gives Aid To World's Hungry People

In the last weeks of November churches and communities all over America will hold special services to emphasize the twelve-month SOS effort. These observances will take place either on Thanksgiving Day or on one of the Sundays nearest the holiday.

In Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C., the 1960-61 SOS program will be launched at the annual National Capital Service of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

Congregational Christian Churches all over the country are urged to join with other churches of more than 30 denominations in this great program of "working together to aid the world's needy."

"Hunger is the daily companion of two-thirds of the people of the world. They have never known what it is to have enough to eat, and many of them have watched helplessly while friends and loved ones died of starvation.

\$1 equals 300 pounds!

Every dollar provides more than 300 pounds of food for hungry people.

\$5 in SOS sharing will give bread to 4,500 needy persons.

\$10 in SOS sharing will put bowls of cereal in the hands of more than 30,000 hungry children.

\$100 in SOS sharing will care for the costs of providing a cupful of milk to each of nearly three quarters of a million of the world's undernourished.

Since SOS began six years ago, U. S. surplus foods sent overseas by our churches have helped millions of hungry people in more than 35 countries.

Race, creed, or color are not considered in giving SOS aid.

In the Share Our Surplus program foods are donated from America's ample stocks of surplus commodities or purchased when vital and not in surplus supply.

The churches of the Southeast Convention are urged to receive offerings

Fall Association And Conference Meetings Vote To Endorse United Church Constitution

The annual fall meetings of the associations and conferences of the Southeast Convention enthusiastically endorsed the proposed constitution of the United Church of Christ and called upon their member churches to vote on this historic document.

Delegates to the fall meetings asked many questions concerning the proposed constitution. The majority of the questions had to do with the right of each local church to continue to handle its own affairs and to call its own minister.

Paragraph 21 of the Constitution is very clear at this point. "The autonomy of the local church is inherent and modifiable only by its own action. Nothing in this Constitution and the By-Laws of the United Church of Christ shall destroy or limit the right of each local church to continue to operate in the way customary to it."

The churches of the convention must vote on the Constitution before next June 1st in order for the vote to be counted. In the event the churches have misplaced the proper forms on which to record their votes, additional copies may be secured from the convention office.

The Reverend David C. Ensign, who has served on the faculty of the Near East School of Theology for the past five years, was the featured speaker at each of the meetings.

Mr. Ensign informed the delegates of the work of the Near East School of Theology in preparing ministerial students for leadership roles in the Christian churches in that area of the world.

In addition, the speaker called upon our church people to support Our

for SOS and to send the offerings to the Southeast Convention office. Every offering, large or small, is needed and helps to relieve suffering somewhere.

Christian World Mission more generously in order that an effective witness for Christianity may be made around the world. Whether we like it or not, Christianity is in competition with communism for the minds and hearts of peoples in many lands.

Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. reported on the status of "Our Program of Progress" in the Southeast Convention. Presently subsidized in part by the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, the convention is engaged in a program to become self-supporting.

Each year the subsidy from the Board of Home Missions is decreased by \$2000, which means the churches must increase their support of Our Christian World Mission by \$3000 per year in order for the "Program of Progress" to remain on schedule. The difference of \$1000 is accounted for by the fact that at least 25% of OCWM funds given by the churches goes to the support of the national boards and agencies.

The reports on the Christian Higher Education Fund campaign in the convention indicate that slightly more than \$22,000 of the \$25,000 goal has been pledged by the churches. Churches that have not voted to accept a CHEF goal are urged to do so in order that the goal of \$25,000 may be reached before the next annual meeting of the convention.

The list of officers elected by the association and conferences and the chairmen of the committees is carried on page 4 of this issue of THE SOUTHEAST NEWS. Pictures taken at some of the meetings are to be found on pages 6 and 7. Attendance at the meetings was uniformly good and the reports indicated excellent work being done.

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Superintendent's Corner

Each year when the fall association and conference meetings are held it is demonstrated to me again just how large a geographical area the Southeast Convention covers and the great variety of churches that make up its membership.

The trip around the convention takes one from the Atlantic Ocean to the Appalachian Mountains and beyond; from the Cumberland Plateau and the Cumberland Gap almost to the Gulf of Mexico.

One visits churches that stand by the side of rarely traveled unpaved country roads and churches that stand at busy corners in large metropolitan areas or in bustling but smaller shopping communities.

And always one meets fine folk who are loyal to their churches and who seek to do their share and more in our service of the Kingdom — and it is this that makes the trip worthwhile.

Superintendent's Schedule

- November 6 — Russell Woods Church, Phenix City
- November 13 — United Church, Columbus, Ga.
- November 15-17 — Minister's Convocation, Southern Union College
- November 20 — Community Church, Seman, Ala.
- November 22 — Georgia Council of Churches, Atlanta, Ga.
- November 30 — Race Relations Committee of the Congregational Christian Churches, New York
- December 1 — Alabama Council of Churches Workshop, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Newly Elected Conference And Association Officers And Committee Chairmen

The following officers and chairmen of committees were elected by the conferences and associations in their annual meetings held during the month of October.

North Alabama Association

Rev. David W. Clark — Moderator
Rev. Earnest Shelton — Vice-Moderator
Rev. Guy L. Colbert — Secretary-Treasurer and Pastor-at-Large.

(The committee chairmen and members will be appointed at a later date by the moderator.)

Central Alabama Association

Rev. Harold C. Henderson — Moderator
Rev. Andrew Nelson — Vice-Moderator
Mrs. J. C. Fralic — Secretary-Treasurer

Committee Chairmen: Rev. J. R. Watson — Ministry and Churches; Rev. G. G. Norris — Stewardship, Evangelism and Missionary Education; Mrs. Marrell Rhodes — Christian Education; (To be appointed) — Survey and Church Aid; Fred D. Powell — Member-at-Large S. E. Convention Board of Directors.

S. Ala. — N. W. Florida Association

Rev. N. A. Long — Moderator
Rev. E. H. Hemby — Vice-Moderator
Mrs. Bernice Carter — Secretary-Treasurer

Committee Chairmen: Mrs. Arthur Wallace — Christian Education; James Beasley — Stewardship and Missionary Education; Rev. W. G. Lindsey — Evangelism; Rev. Ralph D. Worley — Survey and Church Aid; Rev. M. O. Worley — Ministry and Churches; (To be named) — Member-at-Large S. E. Convention Board of Directors.

East Alabama Association

Rev. John D. Schofield — Moderator
Rev. A. C. Nelson — Vice-Moderator
Mr. H. P. Beard — Secretary
Mr. Ross McCommack — Treasurer

Robertson's Chapel

Robertson's Chapel, Arley, Alabama, reports that during the year it has spent almost \$200 and the members have contributed their labor to paint the church and build two new porches on it and to have the grounds around the church put in top notch condition.

Congratulations to Robertson's Chapel for this excellent report!

Committee Chairmen: Rev. Olin E. Sheppard — Ministry and Churches; Rev. A. C. Nelson — Stewardship and Missionary Education; Rev. John Wilder — Christian Education; Rev. Floyd Carmack — Evangelism; Mr. H. P. Beard — Member-at-Large S. E. Convention Board of Directors.

Georgia - S. Carolina Conference

Rev. William M. McCullars — Moderator

Rev. Robert W. Hendrix — Vice-Moderator

Rev. James T. McAdams — Treasurer
Mrs. Jake C. Harris — Scribe

Committee Chairmen: Rev. W. Raymond Berry — Ministry and Churches; Rev. J. Kermit Harris — Evangelism, Stewardship and Missionary Education; Mrs. Richard Churchill — Survey and Church Aid; Mrs. James T. McAdams — Christian Education and Youth Work; Mrs. James T. McAdams — Member-at-Large S. E. Convention Board of Directors.

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

Rev. Clyde C. Flannery — Moderator
William H. Graham — Vice-Moderator

Rufus G. Obrecht — Secretary
Emerson Post — Treasurer

Committee Chairmen: Rev. Frank R. Snively — Christian Education; Rev. A. Ray Meserve — Stewardship and Missionary Education; Rev. Harold W. Freer — Evangelism; Rev. Paul R. Reynolds — Ministry and Churches; Mrs. Fred R. Muhleman — Christian Action; Rev. Paul R. Reynolds — Member-at-Large S. E. Convention Board of Directors.

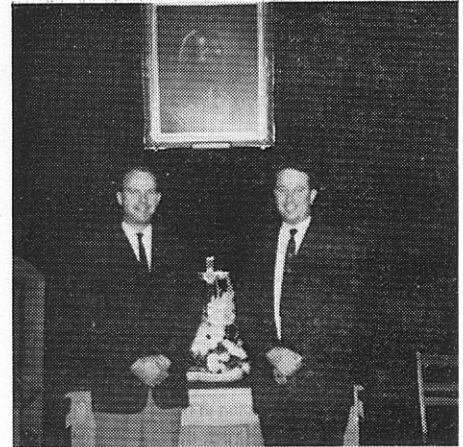
FALL MINISTERS' CONVOCATION

The regular Fall Ministers' Convocation will be held at Southern Union College Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 15-17. Prof. Carl J. Landes and Supt. Lightbourne will be the leaders. The convocation will begin at 2 p. m. on Tuesday and end with the noon meal on Thursday.

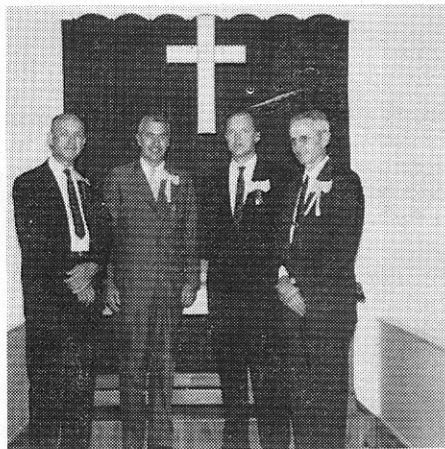
Rev. Edward M. Brown, secretary for Fellowship of the Board of Home Missions in our area, preached at the union service of the Sardis CC Church (Oxford, Ga.) and the Duncan's Creek CC Church (Buford, Ga.). The service was held at the latter church.



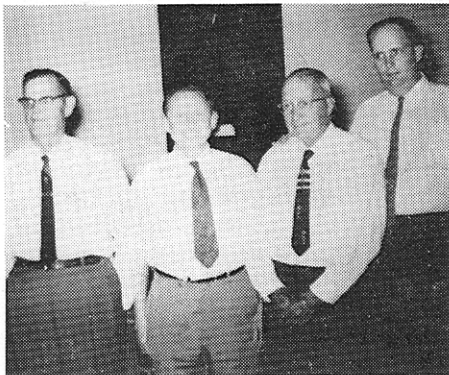
L to R: Rev. Richard M. Waugh, host pastor; Rev. Ernest Shelton, vice-moderator; Rev. David W. Clark, moderator; and Rev. Guy L. Colbert, secretary and treasurer and pastor-at-large of the North Alabama Association.



L to R: Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, newly elected moderator of the Georgia- S. C. Conference, and Mr. J. E. Tatum Jr., immediate past moderator.



L to R: Mr. G. F. Logan, East Tallassee, Supt. Lightbourne, Rev. Harold C. Henderson, newly elected moderator of the Central Association; and Rev. Carl J. Landes, Southern Union College; at Service of Installation for Mr. Henderson at First Church, East Tallassee, Alabama.



L to R: Rev. E. H. Hemby, vice-moderator; Rev. David C. Ensign, guest speaker; Rev. N. A. Long, moderator; and Rev. W. A. Blankenhorn, host pastor and past moderator, South Ala.- N. W. Florida Association.



L to R Front Row: Mr. H. P. Beaird, secretary; Rev. R. H. Lasseter, CHEF chairman for S. E. Convention; Rev. A. C. Nelson, vice-moderator.

Back Row: Mr. Ross McCormack, treasurer; and Rev. John D. Schofield, moderator, East Alabama Association.

American Board Votes To Meet Challenge Of Africa

The head of America's oldest foreign missionary society announced recently that Protestant churches in the United States will raise "at least" \$10,000,000 to aid Christian churches, schools, and other institutions in Africa make "the readjustments" necessary to meet changing political situations.

Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton Biston, executive vice-president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, speaking at the 150th anniversary celebration of the Board, revealed that his organization had voted today to establish an Africa Opportunity Fund with a grant of \$65,000 from the Board's reserves. He invited members of the Congregational Christian Churches, with which the Board is affiliated, and other interested persons to contribute to the Fund.

Other Protestant denominations, including Baptists, Lutherans, the Disciples of Christ, and the Methodist Church, will also raise large sums for African aid, Dr. Carleton stated. Among them they expect to provide "at least ten million dollars to help African churches find their way through the dangerous opportunity of their times," he said.

The money will be used for in-service training of ministers whose experience is "inadequate" to meet the demands now being made on them; to expand theological education; to maintain school systems where government support has been withdrawn, as in the Congo; to expand secondary schools in a "crash program" to meet the shortage of high schools and high school graduates in Africa; and to furnish teachers on an emergency basis.

The money will also go for emergency medical services and for relief in the form of food, clothing and shelter. Technicians will be provided to help administer African churches and governmental and economic agencies.

"Some of the money will be used to aid persons who are being deprived of liberty, jobs, and property because they have stood for human freedom," Dr. Carleton said.

The American Board celebrated its sesquicentennial in the First Congregational Church, Farmington, during October. The first meeting of the Board was held in a home here.

Dr. Harold N. Skidmore Elected Board Secretary

The Rev. Dr. Harold N. Skidmore, East Lansing, Michigan, superintendent of the Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches for the past nineteen years, has been appointed associate secretary of the Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions. The appointment was announced by Dr. William K. Newman, director of the Division.

Dr. Skidmore succeeds the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Keck, who retired September 15.

The Ministerial Relief Division makes relief grants to ministers and their families in cases of severe financial necessity and assists retired ministers and ministers' widows through pension grants.

Dr. Skidmore was born in Oldbury, England, in 1898. In 1907 his father, the Rev. Nathaniel Skidmore, became a Home Missionary Pastor of the Michigan Congregational Conference and the family settled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The elder Mr. Skidmore is now pastor emeritus of Arbor Grove Congregational Church, Jackson, Michigan.

A graduate of Oberlin College in 1922, Dr. Skidmore received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology in 1926. He received an honorary D. D. from Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, in 1941. He was pastor of First Congregational Church, Holliston, Massachusetts, from 1926 to 1931, and of South Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the next ten years.

During Dr. Skidmore's term as its administrative head, the Michigan Conference pioneered in a number of ventures. The Pilgrim Haven Conference Center in South Haven, Michigan, was developed with outstanding youth and family camp programs. A comprehensive adult education program, "Schools for Churchmanship," was initiated. It has taken a major role in support of Olivet College, of which Dr. Skidmore is a trustee.

Dr. Skidmore served as president of the Michigan Council of Churches in 1954. He is a past-president of the Congregational Christian Superintendent's Council. He has served on a number of national boards and committees of the denomination.

Dr. and Mrs. Skidmore have made several extensive tours of Europe and

Pilgrim Hall Gifts Honor Noted Persons

The furniture for the 7 new rooms in the Pilgrim Hall Addition was given in honor or memory of several outstanding people, all of them very meaningful to the donors.

1. Massachusetts Woman's Home Missionary Union.

2. Women's Guild, Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, in honor of Dr. Emily S. Dexter.

3. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Reynolds in memory of Helen Belknap Reynolds.

4. Mrs. J. Earl Oliphant in memory of Julian Earl Oliphant and Elizabeth Oliphant Metz.

5. Woman's Association of the Miami Beach Community Church.

6. Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship in honor of Miss Marguerite Davison.

Heartfelt appreciation is expressed to all who made this project such a pleasant undertaking.

HERE AND THERE ORDINATIONS

Rev. Homer Barnes, pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Church, Steele, Alabama, and Rev. Roger Whitley, pastor of the Mt. Grove Church, Steppeville, Ala., were ordained at the annual meeting of the North Alabama Association.

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Rev. Claude W. Warren

Rev. Claude W. Warren, retired Congregational minister who is well known throughout the Southeast Convention, began serving the United Church, Huntsville, Ala., as interim pastor the weekend of October 23.

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Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn

Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn, formerly pastor of the Antioch CC Church, Andalusia, Ala. has been called to serve the Russell Woods CC Church Phenix City, Alabama, effective November 1.

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LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Mr. Allan G. Saunders, moderator-elect of the Southeast Convention, was the guest speaker at the Laymen's Sunday Service at Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., on Sunday, October 16.

Great Britain in recent years. In 1953 he was an official delegate to the International Congregational Council in St. Andrews, Scotland.

The Skidmores will live in Mount Vernon, New York.

People . . .

Churches . . .

Events . . .



L to R: Mrs. Judson Kelly, Mr. James Beasley, and Mr. Yancy Kelly.

HERE AND THERE

"OUTSTANDING LAY PERSONS OF THE YEAR"

The South Alabama-N. W. Florida Association honored three outstanding lay persons for their services to their churches during the annual meeting of the association.

Mr. James Beasley, president of the Churchmen's Fellowship, presented Mrs. Judson Kelly, Antioch Church, Mr. Yancy Kelly, Andalusia First, and Craig Kennedy, Blackwoods Church, with the awards.

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INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. H. C. HENDERSON

Homecoming Sunday and the Service of Installation for the new minister, Rev. Harold C. Henderson, were observed by First Church, East Tallahassee, Ala., on Sunday, October 16.

A large crowd was on hand for the services of the day and the bountiful noon meal. Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. delivered the morning sermon and conducted the installation service.

Following the afternoon service, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the new minister and his wife. The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated and the refreshments delightful.

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75th Anniversary At Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill, Tenn., Community Church observed its 75th anniversary in connection with the annual meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference on Sunday, October 9th.

Participating in the service conduct-

News From Lanett

We had one of our members to visit her home in England this summer. Mrs. Joan Hodnett visited her home town and while there visited one of our Congregational Christian Churches, Christ Church, founded in 1660. Christ Church was celebrating its tercentenary. In the program she brought back to us was something that is well worth passing on: "Rev. Wm. Houghton (1879-1888) said, 'If we are to carve out a future that shall be worthy of the past, if we want to keep our name and our place here in this town, we shall only do so as we adapt ourselves to the wants of the age; only as we lay ourselves upon the altar of consecration to Christ; only as we carefully study and earnestly follow the roads that lead to the end we propose: only as we one and all stand together in Christian union and in Christian love; only as we show the spirit of self-sacrifice that our fathers showed; only as we continue instant in prayer.'"

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Mrs. Dorothy Moon, superintendent of our grammar school-age children in our Sunday School, and her teachers, Mrs. Maudie Tyson, Mrs. Mattie Huff, and Miss Gladys Hammock, held a Christmas party in August. They had a Christmas tree with the trimmings and sang Christmas songs, but the children brought money gifts to be sent to children in foreign lands that they might have a Christmas, too. The Rev. John D. Schofield showed a film to the children, "Personal Mission to Angola."

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Our pastor, Rev. Schofield, had a birthday September 7. Many members gathered in the Fellowship Hall, bringing their favorite dishes with them just before prayer meeting, and we enjoyed the opportunity of sharing our pastor's birthday with him. We hope he has many, many more — with us.

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Our Pilgrim Fellowship is on the job again. They are soliciting jobs for "Workday for Christ."

Dahlia Holley, Reporter

ed by Rev. Frank R. Snavely, host pastor, were Mr. J. F. Meisamer, Supt. of Uplands, and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr.

East Alabama Women Hold Fall Meeting

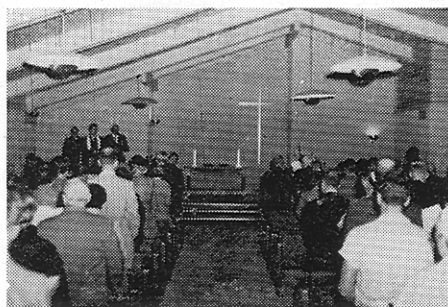
The women of the East Alabama Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Church held their fall missionary conference at the Langdale Congregational Christian Church.

The morning worship service was conducted by the women's group, with Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr., of Atlanta, president of the Georgia-South Carolina Women's Fellowship, as the speaker. Mrs. Askren's subject was, "The Mission of the Church — Unity, Witness, Service."

Mrs. Harveta Barr, of Phenix City, president of the Associational Fellowship, gave the call to worship. Miss Ellen Hull of Langdale, president of the Alabama Women's Fellowship, presided for the worship service.

Following a fellowship luncheon, workshop and training sessions were held under the guidance of associational officers. Mrs. Bessie Lee Spier of Langdale spoke on "Evangelism and Spiritual Life." Mrs. John D. Schofield, Alabama State Chairman of Friendly Service, led a workshop on "Friendly Service", and Mrs. Louise Cox led a session on "Stewardship."

Plans for missionary education were discussed by Mrs. J. T. Edge, Wadley, Alabama. A coffee for the "Christian Higher Education Fund" followed the installation of new officers. Mrs. Cora Head of Roanoke, Christian Education Chairman, was in charge of the coffee.



Pleasant Hill, Tenn., Church Observes 75th Anniversary

United Church Attracts Interest Of Other Groups

When the special session of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ met in Cleveland July 6-8 to pass on the final draft of a constitution for the denomination, the deliberations were watched with keen interest by several Protestant denominations not now related to the United Church. In the three years since the United Church was created by a union of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church a number of other Protestant bodies have shown a growing interest in becoming a part of the United Church.

Both the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and the Council of Community Churches have gone on record in their national deliberative sessions favoring union with the United Church. The seriousness of their interest is reflected in the fact that both groups sent representatives — in observer capacities — to the meetings of the commission which prepared the draft of the United Church Constitution which was acted on at the July meeting. Disciples of Christ have nearly two million members. The Community Churches, of which there are approximately 250, do not compile membership statistics.

The United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., with more than three million members, has also expressed interest in relationship with the United Church of Christ, but delegates of this church agreed in their General Assembly this spring to defer action on the matter until the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian bodies have had time to mesh their interests and establish procedures of the United Church. From the time the idea was first discussed, two decades ago, the United Church of Christ has been conceived as a uniting church in America's divided Protestantism.

Unlike other recent church unions, which have been re-unions between different branches of the same denomination, the United Church of Christ brings together Protestant bodies with different backgrounds, different customs and different forms of church government. The Evangelical and Reformed Church, which originated in Germany and Switzerland, has a modified presbyterial system of government with authority in certain specified matters residing in regional syn-

"Shall I Force My Child To Go To Sunday School And Church?"

By J. EDGAR HOOVER

"Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter, too. How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table on Monday morning and announces rebelliously, 'I'm not going to school today'? You know, Junior goes!

"Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Are you going to wait and let him decide whether or not he wishes to go? Quit your kidding! You didn't wait until you were old enough! You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wants to go to school or not . . . to start his education. You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wishes to be clean or dirty, do you? Do you wait until he's old enough to decide if he wants to take his medicine when he is sick? Do you?

"What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday School or church? That's an easy one. Just be consistent: 'Junior, in our home we all attend Sunday School and church; that includes you.' Your firmness and example here will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal and religious living.

"The parents of America can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to our juvenile delinquency if our mothers and fathers will take their children to Sunday School and church regularly.

nods and in a national General Synod. There are 2,742 Evangelical and Reformed congregations with 807,280 members. Congregational Christians, who are the spiritual descendants of the Pilgrims and the Puritans of New England, consider each local church autonomous. Regional and national bodies exist but the relationship of the churches to them is voluntary. There are 5,500 Congregational Christian churches, with 1,419,171 members.

That the United Church of Christ may indeed be the pilot union that will lead to an ever-growing gathering of Protestantism into one fold is the hope and prayer of all who love the Church.

Mrs. F. C. Lester Women's Fellowship Field Worker

Mrs. Fletcher C. Lester, High Point, North Carolina, has been appointed a part-time field worker on the staff of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, Miss Lillian S. Gregory, executive secretary.

Mrs. Lester has been president of the denomination's Women's Fellowships of North Carolina and of the Southern Convention, which includes Virginia and part of West Virginia and North Carolina. She has been a member of the Adult Program Planning Committee in which laymen and women of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches have been planning for the future of the United Church of Christ. She is also a member of the United Church's Committee on Church Membership and Confirmation.

Mrs. Lester has also served on the Program Booklet Committee of the National Fellowship. She is a Corporate Member of the American Board for Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

In her new post, Mrs. Lester will assist state and conference Women's fellowships through consultation, leadership training, and workshop programs. She will edit program materials and take part in general planning for the work of the Fellowship.

A native of Florida, Mrs. Lester graduated from Florida State University and taught at Winter Park, Florida. While living in Asheboro, North Carolina, she served as president of the Parent Teachers Association, Council of United Church Women, and the Asheboro Women's Club, and as secretary of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults. She is a frequent contributor to THE CHRISTIAN SUN, religious weekly of the Southern Convention, which is edited by her husband, the Rev. Dr. Fletcher C. Lester, pastor of First Congregational Church, High Point.

Mountain Grove PF

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Mt. Grove CC Church "worked" a "Day for Christ" and earned \$15 for Our Christian World Mission.

The young people picked cotton and did various other jobs in order to earn the money. They all enjoyed working for such a good purpose.

Echoes From Southern Union

Walter A. Graham, President

The dedication of the Swift Addition to Pilgrim Hall, our girls' dormitory, on Sunday, October 23, along with the Harvest Festival, brought real joy to the hearts of all of us here at Southern Union. Gratitude is hereby expressed to everyone who had any part in the activities.

The renovation of Kimball Hall is 100% complete on the inside with the exception of the basement floor; the outside is about covered with bricks, and the entire building should be completed and in use before November 1, 1960.

The fall issue of THE SOUTHERN UNION NEWS contained an insert with the names of all people who had made a contribution to the support of Southern Union between September 1, 1959 and August 31, 1960. The article was entitled "Our Friends" and certainly this is an apt description. We are truly grateful to all in the Southeast Convention area who have helped in any way.

With the opening of school this fall the activities of the music department are again available to our churches; there is the usual group choir or chorus, a couple of duets and a new feature, a mixed trio. The men's quartet will be a little slower in coming into being, but will be available.

Something new has also been added in the music department in the form of a little band or orchestra. The new music instructor, a pianist of quite some repute, Miss Bette Miller, is also qualified to instruct in instruments. An attempt is now being made to secure instruments and anyone having an instrument of any kind, regardless of the condition, is urged to present it to the college to encourage this new endeavor.

The winter quarter will open for registration on Monday, December 5, 1960, and applications are already being received for both the freshman and sophomore classes. The college will greatly appreciate the readers of the Southeast News sending us the names and addresses of any prospective students. Personal calls will gladly be made on them.

Southern Union is again looking forward to the Fall Convocation of the Ministers of the Southeast Convention. Full details are not only available from the Southeast Convention Office but

Christian Higher Education Fund Goals Accepted To Date

The following is the list of churches in the convention which have accepted CHEF goals and sent in Declarations of Intention:

Andalusia, Antioch	250.
Andalusia, Coldwater	50.
Andalusia, First	200.
Andalusia, New Home	50.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,000.
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.
East Tallassee, Ala.	400.
Garden City, Ala.	20.
Headland, Blackwoods	450.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	300.
Lanett, Cong'l. Chr.	2,000.
Lanett, Huguley	200.
Langdale, Cong'l. Chr.	1,000.
Lineville, New Harmony	50.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25.
Roanoke, Lowell	300.
Shawmut, Todd	60.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	50.
Trinity, Caddo First	75.
Wadley, Christian	500.
Baker, Pyrons Chapel	100.
Bonifay, New Effort	156.
Crestview, Dorcas	100.
Atlanta, Center	50.
Atlanta, Central	3,600.
Barnesville, Fredonia	250.
Braselton, Macedonia	50.
Demorest, Federated	400.
Douglas, First	100.
LaGrange, United	1,200.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	225.
Evarts, Ky., First	450.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,000.
Crossville, First	450.
Daisy, First	450.
Deer Lodge	150.
Glen Mary	150.
Knoxville, First	3,000.
Nashville, Brookmeade	750.
Pleasant Hill Community	900.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	100.
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will be mailed to all ministers. This college truly belongs to the Southeast Convention and we welcome the opportunity to cooperate in every way.

You are cordially invited to visit the campus at your convenience to see the progress that is being made. The grounds and buildings are in excellent shape and we shall welcome a chance to greet you as soon and as often as you can come.

Happy Thanksgiving!

East Tallassee Churchmen Hold Outing At Camp

There were 19 laymen present at the Tallassee Churchmen's Fellowship annual all-night picnic at the Boy Scout Camp on Lake Martin. As they arrived they were served a delicious fish plate prepared for them by Charles Miller, Floyd Ballard, and DeWitte Cullars.

Most of the laymen spent their time either fishing or playing dominoes. Their new minister, the Rev. Harold C. Henderson, was initiated into the group by being kept up most of the night.

This meeting is looked forward to with great pleasure by the Congregational Christian Churchmen's Fellowship of Tallassee. The inspiration and fellowship is well worth the night of lost sleep. They are now planning for next year, and for many more to meet with them.

Laymen present were Murray Baker, Rodney Baker, Bobby Sayers, Micky Sayers, Charles Messer, Charles Miller, Howard Griggs, Ralph Hammock, Thomas Stalnaker, DeWitte Cullars, Ed Thrash, Floyd Ballard, J. C. Coleman, Marrell Rhodes, Churchel Ledbetter, Rev. Harold C. Henderson.

HERE AND THERE

The Soddy and Daisy Congregational Christian Churches have called Rev. William H. Shelton, former Methodist minister of Brewton, Ala., to be their pastor. Mr. Shelton and his family moved to the Soddy-Daisy parish in October.

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Pilgrim Hymnals Available

Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., has about 125 used copies of the Pilgrim Hymnal, in good condition, it would be happy to present to any church that can use them. If interested, please write Rev. Thomas Anderson, 675 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta 8.

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PUERTO RICO STUDY TOUR

A study tour of Puerto Rico, its churches, schools, urban and rural institutions, industrial, social and political institutions, will begin January 3 from New York and return January 14, 1961, under the direction of the Board of Home Missions. Total cost, including one day tour to Virgin Islands, is \$250.00.

For further particulars write to Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, tour director, 287 Park Avenue So., New York 10, N. Y.

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